contacting the strip with a partitioning device so as to absorb transverse stresses in the strip proximate the measuring roller due to asymmetric introduction of tension and distortions in the strip.

2. (amended) A device for rolling or winding a strip, comprising:

a measuring roller for measuring stresses in a portion of the strip between rolls, winders, or control, guide or deflecting rollers, and

a partitioning device adapted to absorb transverse stresses in the strip proximate the measuring roller due to asymmetric introduction of tension and distortions in the strip.

- 3. (amended) The device as claimed in claim 2, wherein the partitioning device comprises at least one roller.
- 4. (amended) The device as claimed in claim 3, wherein the at least one roller is adjustable, but is adapted to be fixed during operation.
- 5. (amended) A method for rolling or winding a strip of equal thickness, comprising the steps of:

measuring a tension in a portion of the strip between rolls, winders, or control, guide or deflecting rollers with a measuring roller, and

contacting the strip with a partitioning device so as to absorb transverse stresses in the strip proximate the measuring roller due to asymmetric introduction of tension and distortions in the strip.